

# IN THE JETSTREAM



## *The Mystery and Controversy of Christmas*

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While the Christmas holiday is not celebrated everywhere in the world, it seems the real meaning of Christmas has affected many people throughout the world in one-way or the other. You may ask, "How? When the name Jesus Christ is made public in the news during this holiday season, it seems people will go to great extent either to show both their gratitude and love for Him or their contempt and rejection of Him. Obviously, Jesus is more than a symbol of some ancient religion in a remote part of the world. There is just too much historical evidence, besides the impact personally He has made throughout history, to treat him as some local deity. In fact, in comparison to other dignitary of His day, there are overwhelming amounts of historical facts foretelling His birth, explaining His life, and testifying of His resurrection. Also there are volumes containing testimonies of people throughout history whose lives were changed by having genuinely come to know Him. These people lived at different times and places and represent all levels of society: culturally, socially, politically, economically and educationally. His salvation has been received by the poor, rich, educated, uneducated, influential and common people throughout the world. And these people are not limited to some national, ethnic or political movement, they represent people from all walks of life. It is not that Jesus appeals to the strong or weak, to the wealthy or poor. He has been received throughout the world by all kinds of people. His life and message continues to spread, not by force nor by deceit, but through His Word and the transforming work in the lives of people.

Christmas is more than just another holiday where we decorate, enjoy a meal and exchange gifts with people

we love and know. For millions of people around the world, it is a day when they acknowledge and celebrate the fact that God chose a particular time and place to enter human history in order to reveal to the world His magnificent plan to deliver people from the slavery and judgment of sin and the fears of death. Jesus Christ is not a religious, political, or ethnic leader that advocated some kind of reform for society. He is God who came in human flesh to reveal Himself personally and provide for our greatest need, that is to be cleansed and freed from our sins and destructive ways.



*"The Angel said, "Don't be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior who is Christ the Lord.' "* Luke 2:10-11

You may be one who sees Christmas as a controversy. In asking you to consider this, please know that just as the birth of Jesus Christ came in humility, He must be received in the same way...not by someone using force, intimidation, or manipulation on you, but with a humble faith that acknowledges your personal need of His saving work in your life.

For those who know Jesus Christ personally, why not use this Christmas season to reflect on how He has brought change in your life over the months in this past year...then humbly thank Him. Christmas speaks of the true meaning and beauty of our Creator God. (PMC)

Merry Christmas!  
The FCAP Staff

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# THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN AIRLINE PERSONNEL

## History:

The ministry of FCAP began in 1971 and was incorporated in 1973 when 50 people from eight different airlines in the United States and Canada met to consider how God wanted them to serve Christ in and through the airline industry. Since that time, the ministry of FCAP has spread in over 90 areas of the world. We do not have a membership or dues; rather we are a fellowship among Christians in the airline industry worldwide that share a common commitment and focus.



## Perspective & Focus:

Most people look at work primarily as a source of income. Some even view it as a curse imposed on them as punishment from God. *The Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel* believes that God places a high value on work and is deeply interested in our work, our performance on the job and our relationships with our co-workers. We recognize that both our work and the way we relate to people in the workplace are of great importance to God. So it is our mission: *“To represent Christ in the airlines through meaningful relationships and quality work.”*

FCAP’s two-fold purpose encourages people *to know and experience God’s presence with them at work* and *to trust Him for the enabling strength in the responsibilities and challenges of work*. We see authentic ministry in the workplace as a result of our displaying this relationship to our Lord within the sphere of our influence at work, without being coercive or self-serving.

## Values:

- We value doing our work wholeheartedly as unto the Lord, knowing we represent Christ by the quality of our performance while on the job (Ephesians 6:6).
- We value intentionally engaging our faith in the workplace by expressing it in both deeds and words (1 Timothy 6:17-19).
- We value influencing the people around us by creatively building relationship with them and looking out for their interest just as we do our own.
- We value connecting the church in the workplace by seeking out other Christians, to mutually show our love for one another and our care for the people God has placed around us (John 13:35).

## Making Your Connection:

Like the airline industry is all about making connections, so FCAP is all about Christians making their connection in the workplace in three basic ways:

- Connecting God’s purposes in the details of your work.
- Connecting ministry to God working through you to influence the people and circumstances of work.
- Connecting the church in the workplace in unique and creative ways, in order to extend and strengthen its influence.

- WE OFFER:**
- Training that helps Christians integrate the Christian faith into the everyday details of our work and its challenges.
  - Free publications that offer encouragement, gives focus, and provides information.
  - Support and fellowship through local groups, prayer network, training sessions, special events and conferences.



## The Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel

The ministry of FCAP is carried on by everyday ordinary people throughout the airline workplaces of the world who go to work with an extraordinary calling. The FCAP ministry does not focus on specialized people, nor are we a special interest group focusing on certain issues. We do not have a membership nor are we a club with dues. Rather, FCAP is a fellowship of Christians who identify with one another through a common focus and purpose. And we desire to demonstrate how our faith in Jesus Christ can influence the people and circumstances of our workplace. We are blessed to have both airline and non-airline people who encourage and support this ministry.

**OVER TWO MILLION AIRLINE EMPLOYEES IN THE WORLD**

## Your Next Step:

Check on the FCAP website to see if there is a group in your area, or seek out and connect with other Christians at your workplace. Contact us at the international office for further assistance or click on “Your Next Step” on the website.



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